

Virgin Islands State Workforce Development Board Meeting

Date:4/7/2021	BOARD MINUTES
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Location: Via Zoom

	MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
1	Brendan Anzalone	X		
2	Mario Austin		X	
3	Racquel Berry-Benjamin, Commissioner, DOE		X	
4	Wayne Biggs	X		
5	Oriel Blake	X		
6	Ricky Brown			X
7	Albert Bryan, Jr., Governor, USVI			X
8	Nancy Callwood		X	
9	Michael Carty	X		
10	Kimberley Causey-Gomez, Commissioner, DHS	X		
11	Peter Chapman	X		
12	Asiah Clendinen Gumbs	X		
13	Sharia Green		X	
14	Michael Hand	X		
15	Leon Hughes	X		
16	Javan James, Senator, 34 th Legislature	X		
17	Natalie Knight		X	
18	Shirley Lake-King	X		
19	Flamon Lewis		X	
20	Gary Molloy, Commissioner, VIDOL	X		
21	Suzanne Darrow Magras	X		
22	Keith O'Neale, Jr.		X	
23	Sheryl Parris		X	
24	Samuel Rey		X	
25	Tracey Sanders	X		
26	Moleto Smith	X		
27	Nancy Torres		X	

	ATTENDEES
1	Sonia Boyce, Executive Director, VISWDB
2	Aminah Saleem, Chief of Staff, Representing Board Member Peter Chapman
3	Andrea Mshila, Chief of Staff, Representing Board Member Senator Javan James, Jr.
4	Shakeema T. Edwards Romero, Communications Director, Office of Senator G. Whitaker - Guest

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order, Sonia Boyce, Executive Director

Roll Call, Sonia Boyce, Executive Director

15 Present
10 Absent
2 Excused

Welcome & Introductions, Michael Carty, Chairman

Chairman's Report: Michael Carty

Action Item 1.

Approval of minutes from January 16, 2020, meeting.

Moved by: Commissioner Gary Molly

Seconded by: Commissioner Kimberley Causey-Gomez

8 Yes

9 Abstain

10 Absent

The minutes were tabled to the next meeting.

Action Item 2.

Service Providers Renewal:

- Pinnacle Services, LLC

Moved by Member Moleto Smith

Seconded by: Member Oriel Blake

Unanimously adopted by the members present.

Approval of New Service Providers:

- Virgin Islands Professional Charter Association, Inc.

Moved by: Member Asiah Clendinen Gumbs

Seconded by: Commissioner Gary Molloy

12 Yes

14 Absent

1 Abstain

- Tang How Brothers, Inc.

Moved by: Commissioner Gary Molloy

Seconded by: Vice Chair Michael Hand

10 Yes

17 Absent

All applications were approved.

Action Item 3.

Board Policy for Consideration:

Registered Apprentice Program -

- This policy is intended to describe the funding opportunities that the Virgin Islands Workforce Development Board will apply to support apprenticeship programs and outline our commitment to maximize on the opportunities that WIOA provides to grow the use of apprenticeships.

Moved by: Vice Chair Michael Hand

Seconded by: Chairman Michael Carty

10 Yes

17 Absent

Unanimously supported by the members present.

Discussion: Bid to Operate the America's Job Center, One-Stop Operator for the Workforce System:

- Chairman Carty reported on the status of the One-Stop-Operator, the Board has contracted the services of a new One Stop Operator for our American Job Center. The Contractor will be responsible for coordinating the partnerships between the workforce agency partners, business and community organizations as well as providing access to career development and training services for job seekers and workforce growth opportunities within the Virgin Islands' Workforce Development system.

Out-of-State Service Providers:

- ED Boyce reported that the Board is currently seeking the services of out-of-state Eligible Service Providers to create reciprocity agreements. The Board will partner with training providers who wish to expand their e-learning and online job training programs. The Board's goal is to create training opportunities based on the careers listed on our Demand Occupational List.

Committee Activities and Discussion:

- There were no committee reports.

Upcoming Board Training: Career Pathways – All training will be conducted via Zoom by Maher & Maher.

- Virgin Islands Career Pathways/Sector Strategies Training - Part 1
Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

- Virgin Islands Career Pathways and Sector Partnership Training - Part II
Tuesday, April 27, 2021, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
- Virgin Islands Career Pathways Working Session
Tuesday, May 4, 2021, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
- Virgin Islands Policy 101 Training
Tuesday, May 11, 2021, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM
- Virgin Islands Career Pathways/Sector Strategies Policy Working Session
Tuesday, May 18, 2021, 2:00 PM-3:00 PM

Announcements:

Mike Fazio, Workforce 180

- Employer Virtual Forum – Outreach event, April 14, 2021
- April 30, 2021 – Hiring event to bring employers and job seekers together. (Hotel, Hospitality and Tourism Sector)

Commissioner Gary Molloy:

- Virtual Youth Townhall, April 7, 2021, 6PM via Facebook Live. An interactive discussion in a townhall setting to share youth summer programs and VIDOL’s year-round youth programs.

Next meeting date: At the call of the Chair.

Motion to adjourn: Adjournment at 12:30 PM
Moved by Commissioner Gary Molloy

Respectfully submitted,

Sonia Boyce
Executive Director